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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director (Plane)

SUBJECT:

Project IDEALIST Aircraft Modification

1. The attached Activity Program for Project IDEALIST development is submitted for your approval.

2. Subject Activity Program proposes the following modifications for U-2 and U-2C aircraft:

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- a. Two U-2C aircraft to be modified for inflight refueling. These aircraft to be assigned to
- b. Four U-2C aircraft to be modified for single side-band equipment. Two of these aircraft to be assigned to two to be transferred to the example of the exa
 - c. No modifications proposed for any U-2 aircraft.
- 3. Summary of proposed aircraft assignment follows:

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- (1) Two U-2C with inflight refueling and single side-band installation.
 - (2) One U-2 with present configuration.

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Two U-2 aircraft with present configuration.

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Two U-2C aircraft with single side-band installation.

4. With the completion of the proposed modification program the following operational capability will ensue:

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The Project IDEALIST overflight capability will be vested in this unit. Norld-wide photographic reconnaissance could be accomplished. Recall of mission sircraft could be effected.

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collection. Photographic coverage of the Middle East and/or Africa could be accomplished. No recall capability would exist.

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of the China Mainland. Recall of mission aircraft could be effected.

5. Paragraph 3. of the attached Activity Program presents the cost estimates for related modifications which include a high altitude restart capability for the U-2C sircraft and additional single side-band modification for the U-2 aircraft. These related modifications are not recommended at this time. The following are comments in this regard:

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